

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 319
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor Robert M. Teeples on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Teeples is one such outstanding person who has served with eagerness and enthusiasm for 45 years with the Clay County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Teeples, at the young age of 69, is one of Clay County's most respected citizens; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean, serving in the county commission for 26 consecutive years and working in the Clay County School System for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Teeples not only taught in Tennessee, but he received his primary, secondary and post-secondary education in Tennessee, graduating from Tennessee Technological School with a major in physical education and health and a minor in biology; and

WHEREAS, the year after Mr. Teeples' retirement from the school system, then governor, Lamar Alexander rated the Celina K-8 one of the ten best schools in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Robert Teeples was not only the assistant coach of the boys football program for five years and head coach of the boys football program for fifteen years, he coached girls and boys basketball for twelve of those years without any assistance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Teeples also took time from a very busy schedule to work part-time as a State Farm Insurance sales person for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the retired educator served not only his county and state, but served his country by enlisting in the United States Navy for two years; and

WHEREAS, the former physical education, biology and general science teacher's skills lead him to become principal of the Celina K-8 for twelve years before he retired from the school system; and

WHEREAS, his love and success is shared with his wife; together they decided build a log cabin on the square upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, despite his imminent retirement, Mr. Teeples plans to continue to work in the office until a replacement has been found; and

WHEREAS, Robert Teeples is still a humble man, continuing to thank the people of Celina and Clay County for a great career in education, insurance and the commission; and

WHEREAS, the retired commissioner is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Robert M. Teeples our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.